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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

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1. TIMING. IN MARCH 19 CALL ON HSIAO TEH TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF EXTENSION OF CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION TO SAN FRANCISCO, HSIAO INFORMED US NONCHALANTLY THAT THE EXHIBITION COULD REMAIN IN SAN FRANCISCO UNTIL AUGUST 28. HE OFFERED NO EXPLANATION FOR THE ADDITIONAL TIME BUT REPEATED IT SEVERAL TIMES TO ENSURE THAT THERE WAS NO MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE CHANGE.

2. EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS. HSIAO SAID HE COULD NOT COMMENT FULLY ON OUR DRAFT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS SINCE WE DID NOT PROVIDE OUR VIEWS ON THE PROTOCOL BETWEEN SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS AND THIS IS REFERRED TO IN THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN MR. BUSH AND YU CHAN. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE SAN FRANCISCO

MUSEUM WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENT "U.S. COMMITTEE FOR THE EXHIB-

ITION OF THE ARCHEOLOGICAL FINDS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OF THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" OR WHETHER IT WOULD CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION. IN THE FORMER CASE, HE SAID, LITTLE OR NO CHANGE WOULD BE REQUIRED IN THE PROTOCOL, BUT IN THE LATTER A NEW PROTOCOL WOULD HAVE TO BE SIGNED. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IF A NEW PROTOCOL WERE REQUIRED, THE
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PRC SIDE WOULD NOT AGREE TO ANY SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN THE PRESENT

ARRANGEMENTS. ANDERSON SAID THAT HE THOUGHT PROBABLY THE SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM WOULD HOLD THE EXHIBITION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE, BUT WOULD CONFIRM WITH WASHINGTON.

3. HSIAO THEN OFFERED WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS HIS OWN PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT U.S. LETTER:

A) IN PARA 1 HSIAO SUGGESTED THAT FOR SAKE OF ACCURACY REFERENCE SHOULD BE TO "LETTER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YU CHAN SHALL READ" ETC.

B) HE INSERTED DATES IN PARA 1 LAST SENTENCE TO READ, "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, FROM JUNE 28 TO AUGUST 28, 1975.

C) HSIAO NOTED THE SAME ERROR IN PARA 3 AS POINTED OUT IN STATE 33763,

AND WE AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE CHANGED.

4. ANDERSON REPLIED THAT WE ACCEPTED CHINESE PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR A SAN FRANCISCO SHOWING TO AUGUST 28. HE ADDED THAT HE HOPED THE LAST DETAIL OR TWO COULD BE CLEARED UP EARLY NEXT WEEK. HE PROVIDED HSIAO WITH TEXT OF DRAFT PRESS RELEASE AND SAID WE WELCOMED ANY COMMENTS THEY MIGHT HAVE ON IT.

4. COMMENT: PLEASE CONFIRM THAT SPONSORING ORGANIZATION REMAINS THE SAME AND NO AMENDMENT OF THE PROTOCOL BETWEEN SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS IS REQUIRED. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHETHER CHINESE ADDITION OF TIME FOR SAN FRANCISCO MEANS THEY MISCOUNTED THE FIRST TIME OR FELT A GESTURE OF REASONABLENESS WAS APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.
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